

## AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto of corrected formal drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected formal drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

The text of the lower axis of Figure 2 is amended.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected formal drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

**Attachment:      Replacement sheet**

### Annotated sheet showing changes

**REMARKS**

The Specification has been amended to correct clerical errors. The Claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. Claim 15 has been canceled.

**Drawings**

The lower axis of Figure 2 is amended to correctly describe calcium chloride as the substance added to the medium in the experiment. No new matter is introduced by this amendment; see e.g. page 4, line 12 or Figure 1.

**Conclusion**

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D. (Reg. No. 36,623 ) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

Figure 2

